

THE NEEDLES AND COLORADO RIVER

This needle-like formation is seen from Highway "66" where it spans the lazy-looking Colorado River. A short distance above the river is Rock Maze. There is a story that this is the work of prehistoric aborigines and was a place of funeral rites. The story claims that the spirits of the dead, floating down the river, entered the maze and shook off the evil spirits chasing them by losing them in the tangled pathways. Nearer the truth is that the Maze was made by river dredges long after the aborigines had drifted off to the happy hunting grounds... M.P.

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